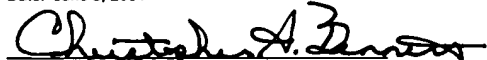


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended by one (1) month to June 5, 2001, by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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